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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Lowe, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/371,463)
Filing Date: August 10, 1999)
For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
PROVIDING PRIORITY TO A STATION)
IN A CONGESTED HALF DUPLEX)
ETHERNET NETWORK)

Examiner: Patel, N.
Art Unit: 2185

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above referenced patent application. Please amend the above identified application as follows and consider the following remarks for allowance of the above identified patent application.